wells and one artesian well are functioning and the area irrigated by these works is 376.69 acres. The remaining wells are expected to function shortly.

(*c*) No, Sir. They are run by oil engines only. A provisional water rate of Rs. 45 per acre has been fixed pending fixation of final rate based on the cost data for individual wells, which are still awaited from the Government of India.

(*d*) No, Sir.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, under what conditions the tube well at Parvatipuram near Vadalur was sunk?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I do not have particulars with me about the particular tubewell scheme.

Hindi Pandits

* 43 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Hindi Pandits appointed prior to 1st January, 1948 in the service of the Thanjavur District Board about the reduction in their emoluments and the recoveries effected; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir. A representation was received from one Hindi Pandit.

(*b*) The proceedings of the Special Officer ordering the recovery were cancelled.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Thank you, Sir.

Postal forms

* 44 *Q*.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether this Government have made any representation to the Government of India that postal forms for use in the State may be printed both in English and Tamil?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Central Government have decided to bring out some of the important postal forms, such as inland money order forms, Registration acknowledgment forms, etc. in the regional language besides printing them in English.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: இந்தக் கோரிக்கை பல நாட்களாக இருந்து வருகிறது. இதனைத் துரிதப்படுத்த அரசாங்கம் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இது மத்திய அரசாங்கம் செய்ய வேண்டியது. இதைச் சீக்கிரமாகச் செய்யும்படி கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: Are the forms in Hindi abolished, Sir?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: They are not abolished. As far as we are concerned, we would be supplied with new money order forms either in English or in the regional language when they are printed.